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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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14/01/2011: Christian EA3NT, Bjorn SM0MDG and Simon IZ7ATN plan to be active from the rare Semirara Islands (IOTA OC-125) on 14th and 15th of January 2011 as DU6/homecall. Proceeding this activity, look for EA3NT and SM0MDG to be QRV from Tablas Island (IOTA OC-244) on 17-21st January. [dx-world.net]

14/01/2011: Mika, OH2FFP/OJ1ABOA, will once again be active as SM/OH2FFP from the Swedish WASA Research Station, Basen Nunatak, Vestfjella, Princess Martha Coast, Queen Maud Land (IOTA AN-016, AA SM-01, WAP SWE-04) from 14-16th January 2011. He will try to set antenna for the weekend so?he can start on Friday. Mika also reports that he has limited possibilities to change fast from 20 to 40 metres. QSL direct to OH2FFP. [F5PFP]

14/01/2011: Tsutomu, JA1VND, will be active as T88TF from the island of Koror, Palau Islands (IOTA OC-009) from 14-18th January 2011. QRV on 160-10m using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign. [OPDX Bulletin]

14/01/2011: A group of JA operators plan to take a DX holiday at the 'Captain's Last Resort' on Christmas Island (IOTA OC-002) from 14-20 January 2011. Operators mentioned (with their own VK9X callsign) are: Takeo JA3BZO (VK9XA), Hiroko JH3PBL (VK9XL), Shimatake JI3DNN (VK9XN), Masumi JA3AVO (VK9XO), Nakasako JA3UJR (VK9XJR), Kunio JA1CJA (VK9XXY) and Nishimura JA3HJI (VK9XJ). They will be QRV on 160-6 metres, using SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via the operator's home callsign. Website: www.nakade.jp/vk9x.htm [OPDX Bulletin]

15/01/2011: Peter, ON2WAB, will be active as M6ONL/p on 15th and 16th of January 2011 from 2 nature reserves, some WAB squares and NATS lighthouses. On 15th of January (morning) he will activate the Stodmarsh Nature Reserve (WFF GFF-139, WAB square TR-26, WW Loc. JO01OH). On Sunday 16th of January he will visit the Rye Harbour Nature Reserve (WFF GFF-237, WAB square TQ-91, WW Loc. JO00JW). QSL via home call. For further information on Peter's activations, please check www.qrz.com/db/M6ONL [MM0DFV]

15/01/2011: Members of RZ1CWC team and others will be active on the 15th of January 2011 and participate in the WCA - HBD from Fort Krasnaya Gorka (WCA UA-00203, COTA-RU F-109, RDA LO-30). QRV as RZ1CWC/P on all bands, mostly Digital modes. QSL via RN1CW, bureau or direct. [RN1CW]

15/01/2011: Mikhail, UT5JCE, will be active on the 15th and 16th of January 2011 and participate in the WCA - HBD from Mikhaylovskaya Battery (WCA UR-00191, UCFA SL-006) and Northern Fortified (WCA UR-00193, UCFA SL-008), located in Sevastopol. He plans to work on 80-10 metre SSB only. QSL via the bureau. [RN1CW]

15/01/2011: Vlado, Z35M/p, will be active on the 15th or 16th of January 2011 and participate in the WCA - HBD from Marko's Towers (WCA Z3-00009), in Vodno. QRV on 40, 30 and 20 metres (dipole) and Elecraft K-1 (7W), 12V - 2 Ah battery. QSL via home call. [RN1CW]

16/01/2011: Stefan, DL9GRE and Hermann, DL2NUD will be active from New Caledonia (IOTA OC-032, DIFO FK-001, WLOTA 1280) as FK/homecall on 16-19th January 2011. Stefan will be QRV on the HF bands, while Hermann will operate 2m and up EME. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

17/01/2011: Paolo, IK2QPR, will be active as 5R8PR from Nosy Be (IOTA AF-057, WLOTA 3042) on 17-25th January 2011. He will operate holiday style on 40-10 metres SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [425 DX News]

17/01/2011: Christian EA3NT and Bjorn SM0MDG plan to be active from Tablas Island (ITOA OC-244, WLOTA 0881) between 17th-21st January 2011. Look for them on 40, 20 and 17m CW/SSB. QSL both DU1/EA3NT and DU1/SM0MDG via EA3NT. [dx-world.net]

18/01/2011: John, G8HWI, will once again be active from the island of Malta (IOTA EU-023, MIA MM-001, WLOTA 1113) as 9H3JS from 18th to 30th January 2011. Focus will be on 20m PSK31 at 2 to 3 Watts (QRP). Antenna will be an end fed half wave, strung vertically up a fiberglass fishing pole. QSL via his home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

20/01/2011: Jeff, K8ND and Jim, W8WTS will be active as PJ2/homecall from the Signal Point contest station, island of Curacao (IOTA SA-099, WLOTA 0942) between 20th January and 3rd February 2011. They will also participate in the CQWW DX 160m CW Contest (28-30 January) as a Multi-Single/High-Power entry, using the callsign PJ2T. QSL via their home calls, direct or bureau. QSL PJ2T via N9AG, direct and LoTW. [CCC]

21/01/2011: Tack, JE1RXJ, will be active as T88RX from Koror, Palau (IOTA OC-009), between 21st-26th January 2011. QRV holiday style on 160-6m using CW and SSB. Emphasis will be on the lower bands and CW. QSL via JE1RXJ, direct (QRZ.com) or by the JA bureau. [OPDX Bulletin]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

28/01/2011: Salvador, C31CT, will be active from Andorra in the CQWW 160-Meter CW Contest (28-30th January 2011) as a Single-Op/Low-Power/None Assisted entry (CQ Zone 14). QSL via EA3QS. [NG3K]

28/01/2011: Valery, RD3A, will be active from Gran Canaria Island (AF-004 DIE-005, WLOTA 0969, ESA GC) as EF8M in the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (28-30th January 2011) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via UA3DX. [NG3K]

28/01/2011: Vlad, RA4LW, will be active as ER4A from Otaci, Moldova, during the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (28-30th January 2011) as a Single-Op entry. He will use a 43 metre high vertical and beverages for RX. QSL via RA4LW, direct only. [NG3K]

28/01/2011: Saulius, LY5W, will be active as IT9/LY5W in the CQWW 160-Meter CW Contest (28-30th January 2011) from the island of Sicily (IOTA EU-025, IIA SC-001, MIA MI-107, WLOTA 1362) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

28/01/2011: Ivo, 9A3A/E73A, plans to be active for the CQWW 160-Meter CW Contest (28-30th January 2011) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry (CQ Zone 15) using the callsign T70A. QSL via T70A (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

05/02/2011: A team from the Lufthansa Amateur Radio Club, Frankfurt, will be active as V55DLH from Omaruru, Namibia (WW Loc. JG78XO), between the 5th and 12th of February 2011. The group includes Georg DD8ZX, Bernd DF1FF,

J?rgen DH0RAK, J?rgen DH6ICE, Frank DJ3FK, Rudi DK7PE and Bernhard DK7TF. Plans are to be QRV on 160-10 metres, using CW, SSB and Digital modes. Further information and QSL route can be found on their website at: www.larc.ws/ [dx-world.net]

09/02/2011: Torsten, DG7RO, plans to be active holiday-style from Placencia, Belize, between 9th of February and 1st of March 2011 as V31TF. QRV on 160-10 metres, operating mainly on RTTY and SSB, possibly CW also, with a FT-857 (100W), dipole and longwire antennas. He will also participate in the WPX RTTY Contest, ARRL DX Contest and CQWW 160-Meter Contest, as possibly V31GW. QSL via home call. [dx-world.net]

10/02/2011: Nobu JR3STX and Take JS6RRR will operate from the island of Guam (IOTA OC-026, USi GU003S, WLOTA 0064, WFF KFF-110) as W3STX/KH2 and KH2/JS6RRR between 2200z on the 10th of February and 0300z on the 15th of February 2011. Plans are to be QRV on 160-6m, using SSB, CW, FM, RTTY and PSK31. QSL W3STX/KH2 via JR3STX and KH2/JS6RRR via JS6RRR by the bureau or direct (SASE). [dx-world.net]

14/02/2011: Baldur, DJ6SI, will be returning to Chad and operating as TT8DX from 14-24th of February 2011. Look for him mainly on CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [dx-world.net]

26/03/2011: Jimmy Lou, BX5AA, will be active in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (26-27 March 2011) from Taiwan (IOTA AS-020, WLOTA 0022, WW Loc. PL04GC) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL direct SAE with green stamp(s)or Euro. Website: blog.yam.com/bx5aa [NG3K]

26/03/2011: Albert, F5VHJ, will be active as TO5A from the QTH of Laurent (FM5BH), in Ducos, island of Martinique (IOTA NA-107, DIFO FM-001, WLOTA 1041, WFF FFF-016, DDFM 97) during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (26-27th March 2011) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

03/04/2011: Look for Dee, W1HEO, to be active from the island of Aruba (IOTA SA-036, WLOTA 0033) from 3-16th of April 2011 as P4/W1HEO. QRV on 30-10m CW and SSB. QSL via home call. [dx-world.net]

22/04/2011: Craig, VK4LDX, will be active as homecall/p from Horn Island (IOTA OC-138) in the Torres Strait Islands, on 22-27th of April 2011. This trip will be followed by a quick visit again to Magnetic Island (IOTA OC-171, WFF VKFF-299) between 29th of April and 2nd of May. The IOTA antenna has been upgraded so the old Butternut HF9V will now be the back up. The main antenna will be a newly acquired Spiderbeam 0m-15m-10m tribander to be put on a 10m aluminium pole with tripod. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Craig does not use eQSL or LoTW. More details will be provided over the upcoming months. Website: vk4ldxoc138.blogspot.com/ and vk4ldxoc171.blogspot.com/ [dx-world.net]

06/07/2011: Stan, SQ8X, reports that he has received an email from The Norwegian Post and Telecommunications Authority (NPT) granting ham radio license - and permission to transmit from Jan Mayen Island (IOTA EU-022, WLOTA 1454, WFF LAFF-047). JX7VPA will be a group callsign used during the DXpedition scheduled for 6-14th of July 2011. Further information will be available soon. [dx-world.net]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

12/01/2011: Lithuanian radio amateurs are currently using the following LY13 special event callsigns until 2200z, 27th January 2011. Activity is to mark the 20th anniversary of the January 13th event, where the Soviet army in 1991 attempted to occupy the independent Lithuania - all communications were blocked and only radio amateurs were the first who help to spread out the information about invasion around the world. There will be no awards issued for this event. This operation is "in memory". They hope some amateurs around the world can still remember this night. Further information and callsigns at: www.lrmd.lt/index_en.htm [OPDX Bulletin]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

15/01-16/01 M6ONL/P: England (main) WLOTA:1841 QSL ON2WAB (d/b)
16/01-19/01 FK/DL2NUD: New Caledonia WLOTA:1280 QSL HC (d/b)
16/01-19/01 FK/DL9GRE: New Caledonia WLOTA:1280 QSL HC (d/b)
17/01-25/01 5R8PR: Nosy Be WLOTA:3042 QSL IK2QPR (d/b)
17/01-21/01 DU1/EA3NT: Tablas Island WLOTA:0881 QSL EA3NT (d)
17/01-21/01 DU1/SM0MDG: Tablas Island WLOTA:0881 QSL EA3NT (d)
18/01-30/01 9H3JS: Malta Island WLOTA:1113 QSL G8HWI (d/b)
20/01-15/02 HS0ZJF/8: Ko Samui WLOTA:1384 QSL ON4AFU (d/b)
20/01-03/02 PJ2/K8ND: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL HC (d/b)
20/01-03/02 PJ2/W8WTS: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL HC (d/b)
21/01-21/02 3B8/F6HMJ: Mauritius Island WLOTA:0595 QSL HC (d/b)

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COUNTY HUNTING (USA-CA) -

N4CD - Bob - 7* - 1/15/2011 to 1/16/2011 - SSB and CW
Saturday: Leave Tarrant about 0900z. Tarrant, Parker, Palo Pinto, (Erath), Eastland/Stephens, Callahan/Shackelford, Jones/Taylor, Nolan/Fisher, Scurry, Mitchell, Borden, Howard, more if time.
Sunday: Glascock, Sterling, Tom Greene, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, Comanche then home via Hood, Johnson, Tarrant, Denton to Collin.
On Saturday is the NAQP which might make 7188 busy (1800z until 0600z - noon central time till after I stop). Will try but if no one is there keeping frequency open, it will be filled with SSB NAQP folks hollering CQ contest. Dust off the key! QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

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6 METRES & UP -

EA8/DM8MM QRV from IL18BL on 50 MHz for TEP - "I am in the south of La Palma Island with a very good takeoff to South America. Although it is a bit too early for TEP during equinox, I will try SA with 100 W and 5 el. Yagi". [MMMonVHF]

FG - Guadeloupe Island (French Antillas, FK96HF) qrv on 144 MHz EME since 2010 dec. 29th - LATEST NEWS, from Phil, dated 2011-01-13: last activity this night! I will be qrv since 2200UTC till moonset You are able to find all infos (and as well LOG) at Phils Blog:
http://fgdxpeditionf1duz.monsite-orange.fr/index.html [MMMonVHF]

VK9N - Norfolk Island (RG30XX) DX Expedition, qrv since January, 9th LATEST info from Andrew, VK1DA, dated 2011-01-13: A summary of the day's activities has been updated at their blog day by day:
http://vk9na.com/progressblog.html - as well we listed a lot of Infos from Guy, VK2KU in QSP from the Team [MMMonVHF]

08/01-20/01 VK9NA: Norfolk OC-005 Grid:RG30XX 6m-10.3G EME QSL VK3KH (d)
13/01 LY 50MHz Activity Contest 1800z-2159z
13/01 NRAU 50MHz Activity Contest 1800z-2200z
14/01-20/01 VK9XA: Christmas Isl. OC-002 Grid:OH29 6m 100w QSL JA3BZO (d)
14/01-20/01 VK9XJ: Christmas Isl. OC-002 Grid:OH29 6m 100w QSL JA3HJI (d)
14/01-20/01 VK9XJR: Christmas Isl. OC-002 Grid:OH29 6m 100w QSL JA3UJR (d)
14/01-20/01 VK9XL: Christmas Isl. OC-002 Grid:OH29 6m 100w QSL JH3PBL (d)
14/01-20/01 VK9XN: Christmas Isl. OC-002 Grid:OH29 6m 100w QSL JI3DNN (d)
14/01-20/01 VK9XO: Christmas Isl. OC-002 Grid:OH29 6m 100w QSL JA3AVO (d)
14/01-20/01 VK9XXY: Christmas Isl. OC-002 Grid:OH29 6m 100w QSL JA1CJA (d)

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated 12 January 2011)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal
"Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFORMATION -

The following operations are approved for DXCC credit:
Uganda, 5X1XA, 2010 operation.
Kermadec Island, ZL8X, 2010 operation.

QSLs via Bureau: D68BT, JW/CT1BWW and OL7R.

QSLs via Direct: 5V7TT (I2YSB), C6ATA (WA4WG), CP4BT (EA5KB), ER1DA
(QRZ.com), ER65?M (ER1DA), FM/JE1JKL/p (hc), KG6SL (JH1AJT), LU/F5AHO/p
[Redonda Island SA-049] (F5AHO), MD?CCE (QRZ.com), OX/DL2VFR [NA-151] (hc),
PJ4D (W3HNK), PJ4E (OQRS), PJ4I (DL9USA), PJ4W (W3HNK), PJ5/K1XM (KQ1F),
PJ5/SP6IXF (hc), PJ7/K1XM (KQ1F), PJ7E (OQRS), R1ANH (RN1ON), ST2AR (S53R),
TO5T (JE1JKL), VK3ZL (QRZ.com), XX9TLX (DK7LX) and ZS8M (QRZ.com).

QSLs via LoTW: 4B2S, 4Z4KX, 5I3A, 5X1NH, 9X0TL, A25HQ, DL3YA, DL4NAC, DL4NN,
DL9RDM, E51NOU, EA3AIZ, EA3AJW, EA5BZ, EA6UP, EN22?FI, FM5CD, GJ6YB, GM4YXI,
IQ8PQ, IS?GQX, JS1IFK, K9DX, M?BZH, MD?CCE, MU?ASP, MW2I, OG4X, OK1DG,
ON4ATW, ON4WW, OP4K, OR2M, OR2T, PU8TEP, RA6LW, RN?SS, RU3UR, RX9FW,
S5?PTUJ, SE6Y, SN7Q, SP2JNK, SV1EBV, TO5DX, TO7ZG, UA3KW, UU7JM, YV5OIE and
ZL8X.
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) at: www.sota.org.uk/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wca.qrz.ru/ENG/main.html
WFF (World Flora & Fauna) at: wff44.com/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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SILENT KEYS -

William Voedisch, W1UD, of Leominster, Massachusetts, became a
Silent Key on January 1. He was 78. Voedisch was an avid CW operator
who especially enjoyed operating in the CW National Traffic System
nets. In recent years, he was the Manager of the NTS First Region CW
net and almost nightly represented the First Region in the Eastern
Area Net. He was also active in the Transcontinental Corps, relaying
messages to other regional nets around the country.

Voedisch served several terms as ARRL Western Massachusetts Section
Manager: from 1987 through 1989, in 1992 and 1993, and again from

1996 through 2005. He was an ARRL Life Member and was the former president of the Montachusett Amateur Radio Association and was still active before his death. Voedisch was the owner and operator of Imperial Television and Radio Service in Leominster since 1954.

Voedisch served as a US Army corporal in the Korean Conflict and its immediate aftermath, serving from 1952-1954. He received the Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

Voedisch served on the Ways and Means Committee and Cable Commission for the City of Leominster. A funeral service was held on January 6 at St Mark's Episcopal Church, in Leominster. [ARRL]
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BITS & PIECES -

Update SP TOP LIST WFF HUNTERS and SP TOP LIST SPFF HUNTERS on wff-silesia.eu.interia.pl/enter.htm

and summary 2010 year - wff-silesia.eu.interia.pl/2010.html.

vy 73,44 Kris SP9UPK/SP9YFF Team

- On January, 14th will be two years sharp since the date of World Castles Award Program foundation.
In connection with this event on January, 15th and 16th, will take place activity radiohams from castles and fortresses of the world - WCA Happy Birth Day (WCA HBD).
At present we have support from radiohams of some countries who will be active from castles and fortresses their own countries during these days.
73 & 11! de Andrew RN1CW
Co-ordinator of WCA (World Castles Award)

Mika will once again be operating this week end as SM/OH2FFP from the Swedish WASA antarctic base: "The night activation from Wasa is also ok. I try to set antenna for weekend so?we can start on Friday. I have limited possibilities to change fast from 20 to 40 meters so please we need to agree the procedure. But we'll start next weekend" [F5PFP]

The DXpedition to Levantado Island (NA-122), January 27 to 2011 March 27 2011, by HI9/IK2GNW has been cancelled. [I2YSB]

TT8ET - Chad
Elke, TT8ET, is currently active from N?Djamena, Chad. Using a small vertical on 20m SSB, Elke reports she has no propagation at all from the central African continent to eastern Europe and beyond. Presently, local QRM from landlines & powerlines interrupts her transmissions, but she is hopeful of setting up a new antenna system and using battery power to overcome this.
QSL: Elke Takatsch, B.123, N'Djamena, Chad.

Further news from Chad indicates a team will be putting on a DXpedition from there by the end of this year. [dx-world.net
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of ICPO: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/
DX Calendar - Contest Calendar - Lighthouse Activity & much more

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